

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments to the claims were made solely in response to objections as to formal matters in the claims. The amendment was not statutorily required and thus, the doctrine of equivalents applies to all the elements of all the claims.

In response to the Examiner's suggestion that headings should be added, the Applicants, respectfully, point out that 37 C.F.R. 1.77(b), only says that "Each of the lettered items should appear ... as section headings". The word "should" indicates that this is not a requirement. Therefore, the applicants, respectfully, decline to add the specification headings suggested by the Examiner because the headings could lead to misinterpreting the specification.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of all the claims with objections as to formal matters.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any fee (except the issue fee) including fees for any required extension of time, to Account No. 14-1270.

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